



## **ALASKAN WAY VIADUCT AND SEAWALL PROJECT COMMENT SUMMARY**

**September 2003**

### **Introduction**

The Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall Project database contains 3,445 comments, 107 of which were submitted in September 2003.

### **Origin of Comments**

105 of the comments received came from attendees at community briefings held by the project team. Two comments were submitted on the website.

75 comments were received from the central waterfront area of the project area, 31 from the north area, and none from the southern area. The origin of one comment could not be determined.

Comments received at the community briefings are given during presentations by the project team. Comments and questions are recorded by a project team member and logged into the comment database.

### **Comment Categories**

Each comment that is submitted is categorized by the content of the message. There are 60 comment categories divided into 6 sections. The sections are economic, structures/locations, parties, transportation, design and construction, and environmental. The comment categories range from cost and freight to traffic, air pollution and public safety.

Comments were received in the areas listed below. These are groups of similar categories with the ideas that were expressed in the comments.

#### **Traffic:**

This group includes categories like traffic, connections/circulations, pedestrians, and bicycles. There were 47 comments in this group.

- Varying travel times of each alternative
- Pedestrian circulation and safety – overpasses and crosswalks
- Access to the waterfront – vehicle, bicycle, and pedestrian
- Bicycle circulation and paths
- Signalized intersections in the Surface Alternative
- Traffic reduction/distribution strategies
- Traffic capacity before, during and after construction



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### **Design/Construction:**

This group includes categories like construction, urban design, and land use/zoning. There were 26 comments in this group.

- Shutting down the viaduct during construction
- The sculpture park's relationship to the alternatives
- Amount of open space in the alternatives
- The role of temporary structures in each alternative
- Plans for Terminal 46
- Reconnecting downtown to the waterfront
- The location of ferry queuing

### **Environmental:**

This group includes categories like air pollution, fish and wildlife, noise, and water quality. There were 24 comments in this group.

- The relationship of the Sculpture Park to the viaduct
- Noise for pedestrians and residents near the viaduct
- Risk analysis for the seawall in the tunnel alternatives
- Each alternative's affect on air quality
- Noise and air pollution in the surface alternative
- Loss or gain of open space in each alternative

### **Economic:**

The group includes categories like cost, funding, property value/acquisition, and tolls. There were 18 comments in this group.

- Cost control strategies
- Predicted seawall costs
- Discussion of tolls as a funding source
- Economic impacts of each alternative on businesses
- Effect of construction on business and tourism

### **Transit:**

This group includes categories like light rail, monorail, and transit. There were nine comments in this group.

- Railroad's relationship to the viaduct
- Ferry use during construction
- Increase in transit (monorail or light rail) during construction
- Impact on freight mobility during construction